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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6904

BILL NUMBER: SB 204

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 29, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Township Joinder.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Gard

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: *"Buffer Zone" Jurisdiction-* The bill prohibits a municipality from exercising "buffer zone" jurisdiction over any part of a township that it is subject to a joinder agreement with the municipality: (1) while the joinder agreement is in effect; and (2) after the township withdraws from the joinder agreement.

Termination of Joinder Agreement- The bill prohibits a municipality from terminating a joinder agreement: (1) if the township has certified a petition to put a question on the ballot to township voters about whether the township should withdraw from the joinder agreement; and (2) until the voters vote against withdrawing from the joinder.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: There would be an unknown effect on local expenditures. If a joinder agreement were terminated, the provision of services provided under the agreement would no longer apply. Therefore, township expenditures could increase if those services that had been provided by the municipality (assumed at a lower cost) were no longer offered to the township. Expenditures that could be affected include, trash pick-up, utilities, and/or, local law enforcement and fire protection.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Unless more territory under a joinder agreement had been annexed during

the agreement's tenure, a terminated agreement should not affect the property tax levies of the municipality leaving a joinder agreement.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: All municipalities and townships under a joinder agreement; municipal courts.

Information Sources:

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